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For: HALOGEN-FREE FLAME RETARDANT POLYCARBONATE COMPOSITIONS

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2008 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 8, 2008. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time (small entity) is \$555 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now January 8, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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